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HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE SALES CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Hunters and fishermen spent more than \$192 million last year for licenses, tags, permits and stamps, an increase of \$9.3 million over the previous year, reports the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service.

Fishing license holders increased by 358,532 from 1969 to a record 24,434,680 in 1970. Fishermen spent \$90,864,154 for licenses--\$3.4 million more than in 1969.

Hunting license holders rose to 15,370,481, an increase of 101,000 over 1969. Expenditures by hunters for licenses and permits exceeded the 1969 total by nearly \$6 million for a new high of \$101,607,879.

License sales, however, are not accurate indicators of the actual numbers of hunters and fishermen. In several States, one sportsman may purchase separate licenses, stamps, permits or tags for taking different kinds of fish or game. Also, most States do not require persons above or below certain ages to purchase licenses, and most coastal States do not require licenses for saltwater fishing. Some persons hunt or fish in more than one State, and consequently are counted more than once.

License revenues enable States to carry out fish and wildlife conservation and management activities. Additional funds come from Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs, under which States are reimbursed up to 75 percent of the cost of approved projects. For the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1971, \$43,905,000 was apportioned.

State fish and game departments certify the numbers of paid hunting and fishing license holders to the Fish and Wildlife Service, which uses them in determining Restoration fund allocations.

State-by-State breakdowns of license sales are shown in accompanying tables.

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NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO HUNTERS
FISCAL YEAR 1970

State	Paid Hunting License Holders ^{1/}	Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued ^{2/}	Gross Cost to Hunters
Alabama	355,169	345,549	9,620	355,169	\$ 1,008,919
Alaska	61,993	55,455	25,121	80,576	883,909
Arizona	169,679	324,904	20,606	345,510	1,462,877
Arkansas	283,295	268,251	15,044	283,295	1,310,793
California	767,149	1,474,986	2,765	1,477,751	4,361,882
Colorado	272,059	339,041	83,575	422,616	6,766,536
Connecticut	77,488	76,614	874	77,488	281,036
Delaware	26,271	25,116	1,155	26,271	153,201
Florida	245,900	242,801	3,099	245,900	1,486,666
Georgia	326,528	354,566	6,036	360,602	1,237,130
Hawaii	9,424	9,063	361	9,424	73,388
Idaho	225,845	424,473	74,569	499,042	2,236,243
Illinois	438,088	428,198	9,890	438,088	1,559,980
Indiana	468,886	521,878	4,395	526,273	1,463,127
Iowa	320,928	349,738	18,131	367,869	1,423,611
Kansas	229,103	205,486	23,617	229,103	967,437
Kentucky	258,987	254,895	4,092	258,987	1,094,011
Louisiana	337,641	450,372	10,279	460,651	957,482
Maine	202,766	162,395	40,554	202,949	1,893,110
Maryland	186,277	256,610	9,221	265,831	1,411,200
Massachusetts	118,518	140,686	1,821	142,507	565,840
Michigan	941,025	1,306,772	25,585	1,332,357	6,185,883
Minnesota	356,607	510,120	2,803	512,923	3,249,690
Mississippi	280,029	387,416	27,142	414,558	1,234,422
Missouri	451,625	585,126	15,625	600,751	3,284,591
Montana	174,014	532,267	95,222	627,489	2,070,253
Nebraska	179,542	318,993	28,912	347,905	1,499,786
Nevada	62,988	99,811	8,862	108,673	759,736
New Hampshire	98,887	74,336	29,148	103,484	942,587
New Jersey	184,527	225,299	4,228	229,527	1,088,484
New Mexico	110,527	112,233	14,858	127,091	1,201,868
New York	758,512	1,303,271	74,658	1,377,929	4,793,083
North Carolina	406,948	579,954	8,222	588,176	2,205,990
North Dakota	76,311	176,888	9,560	186,448	583,611
Ohio	540,718	583,517	2,335	585,852	2,425,904
Oklahoma	232,478	302,456	5,292	307,748	1,179,807
Oregon	347,035	703,998	8,801	712,799	3,073,621
Pennsylvania	1,134,316	1,573,129	109,435	1,682,564	8,444,985
Rhode Island	19,604	19,234	370	19,604	56,542
South Carolina	183,529	172,653	10,876	183,529	1,056,339
South Dakota	143,273	259,258	38,634	297,892	1,315,498
Tennessee	423,187	572,009	10,939	582,948	1,833,310
Texas	760,351	952,734	13,429	966,163	2,585,557
Utah	201,870	208,159	20,395	228,554	1,926,362
Vermont	138,378	116,583	47,957	164,540	1,389,163
Virginia	410,206	777,545	57,396	834,941	2,134,185
Washington	336,652	672,841	3,106	675,947	2,976,169
West Virginia	247,531	226,873	20,758	247,631	1,027,759
Wisconsin	629,445	812,248	25,109	837,357	4,869,833
Wyoming	158,372	136,280	86,295	222,575	3,614,483
TOTALS ^{3/}	15,370,481	21,013,080	1,170,777	22,183,857	\$ 101,607,879

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NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO FISHERMEN
FISCAL YEAR 1970

State	Paid Fishing License Holders ^{1/}	Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued ^{2/}	Gross Cost to Fishermen
Alabama	532,335	484,929	52,692	537,621	\$ 1,162,188
Alaska	107,013	71,711	41,683	113,394	695,147
Arizona	354,548	325,535	184,479	510,014	1,479,310
Arkansas	612,906	413,349	199,557	612,906	2,295,691
California	2,294,430	5,750,098	34,999	5,785,097	10,220,539
Colorado	499,887	347,479	166,488	513,967	2,714,265
Connecticut	162,999	157,915	5,084	162,999	644,178
Delaware	8,498	7,518	981	8,499	37,718
Florida	674,788	527,765	173,197	700,962	2,078,970
Georgia	610,871	620,539	18,780	639,319	1,448,482
Hawaii	5,036	4,944	92	5,036	16,785
Idaho	353,869	264,849	209,611	474,460	2,123,811
Illinois	819,252	783,693	35,559	819,252	1,751,292
Indiana	696,226	668,913	51,819	720,732	1,915,241
Iowa	432,451	425,720	24,971	450,691	1,292,212
Kansas	345,089	319,918	27,476	347,394	1,071,290
Kentucky	475,848	365,415	110,433	475,848	2,025,236
Louisiana	339,408	319,909	20,220	340,129	377,755
Maine	238,640	148,803	91,786	240,589	1,172,414
Maryland	120,232	137,677	12,134	149,811	563,416
Massachusetts	230,770	248,426	6,333	254,759	1,091,215
Michigan	1,081,482	1,185,080	208,340	1,393,420	4,251,598
Minnesota	1,329,949	1,071,322	345,949	1,417,271	3,917,172
Mississippi	347,694	251,862	105,031	356,893	905,379
Missouri	792,256	1,153,898	173,733	1,327,631	4,140,179
Montana	234,200	360,552	148,811	509,363	1,279,155
Nebraska	224,335	243,888	26,972	270,860	913,879
Nevada	120,624	68,309	54,325	122,634	534,382
New Hampshire	142,442	90,912	56,127	147,039	749,543
New Jersey	181,968	285,367	10,898	296,265	973,312
New Mexico	168,151	124,669	59,477	184,146	911,453
New York	852,852	813,718	72,713	886,431	2,826,306
North Carolina	467,566	549,130	54,509	603,639	1,743,806
North Dakota	110,458	102,526	9,160	111,686	249,700
Ohio	731,804	710,251	21,553	731,804	2,931,442
Oklahoma	535,665	486,298	61,980	548,278	1,731,219
Oregon	630,585	770,587	257,005	1,027,592	3,299,672
Pennsylvania	750,140	711,261	38,879	750,140	3,703,852
Rhode Island	25,652	24,747	905	25,652	77,406
South Carolina	322,221	306,685	42,337	349,022	1,357,904
South Dakota	183,501	114,224	71,334	185,558	545,200
Tennessee	776,435	930,293	218,641	1,148,934	1,790,965
Texas	1,447,167	1,419,364	28,967	1,448,331	2,898,030
Utah	288,744	211,721	79,639	291,360	1,264,716
Vermont	135,814	84,099	54,068	138,167	429,278
Virginia	474,299	679,696	65,635	745,331	1,453,184
Washington	518,155	572,077	35,781	607,858	2,852,204
West Virginia	237,237	204,454	32,883	237,337	726,779
Wisconsin	1,245,529	818,661	426,868	1,245,529	5,497,949
Wyoming	162,659	73,406	90,946	164,352	731,335
TOTALS	24,434,680	26,814,162	4,321,840	31,136,002	\$90,864,154

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